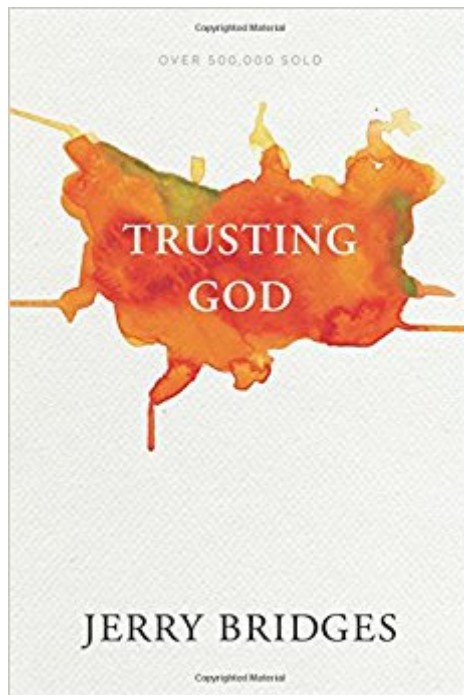


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Synopsis

Why is it easier to obey God than to trust Him? Because obeying God makes sense to us. In most cases, His laws appear reasonable and wise, and even when we don't want to obey them, we usually concede that they are good for us. But the circumstances we find ourselves in often defy explanation. Before long, we begin to doubt God's concern for us or His control over our lives. We ask, "Why is God allowing this?" or "What have I done wrong?" During such a time of adversity, Jerry Bridges began a thorough Bible study on the topic of God's sovereignty. What he learned changed his life, and in *Trusting God* he shares the fruit of that study. As you explore the scope of God's power over nations, nature, and even the details of your life, you'll find yourself trusting Him more completely—even when life hurts. This new edition replaces both *Trusting God* (paperback ISBN 9781600063053) and the study guide (paperback ISBN 9781600063060) by combining both resources into one volume!

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Because obeying God makes sense to us. In most cases, His laws appear reasonable and wise, and even when we don't want to obey them, we usually concede that they are good for us. But the circumstances we find ourselves in often defy explanation. When unexpected situations arise that appear unjust, irrational, or even dreadful, we feel confused and frustrated. And before long, we begin to doubt God's concern for us or His control over our lives. Adversity is hard to endure and can even be harder to understand. If God were really in control, why would He allow the tragic auto accident or crucial job loss? How could He permit cancer in a loved one or the death of a child?

Grappling with His concern for us we ask, "Why is God allowing this?" or "What have I done wrong?" In an effort to strengthen his own trust in God during a time of adversity, Jerry Bridges began a lengthy Bible study on the topic of God's sovereignty. What he learned changed his life, and he now shares the fruit of that study with you in *Trusting God*. As you begin to explore the scope of God's power over nations, nature, and the detailed lives of individuals, you'll begin to acknowledge His loving control. And as you come to know Him better, you'll find yourself trusting Him more completely—even when life hurts. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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This book is outstanding. It came recommended by my pastor who suggested it even though he did not know that I have difficulty trusting God at times. Then again, I think it is safe to say that most have difficulty trusting Him at one time or another. This is essentially about the providence and sovereignty of God. In learning to trust God it is important to understand who He is, and because of who God is (sovereign and provident) I can trust Him. He knows all. He sees all. The more a person gains a clearer understanding of God's sovereignty and providence, the more liberating and freeing it is to trust Him. Sovereignty has to do with God's authority and power while providence is the means by which He governs all things both here and in the universe. Because He is both, I can trust Him with everything that happens to me. Believe me when I say that trusting God is not always easy to do (for me anyway). I have been a Christian for over 30 years. Reading this book was timely when I recently went through a personal trial that literally forced me to trust God and also trust that He would work all things out when it appeared out of control. Jerry's book has been comforting and very helpful while going through this time. It has also expanded my view of who God is.

I am only about 60 pages into this book, but it has already given me a wonderful reminder that EVERYTHING that happens in my life, whether good or bad, has been foreordained by God for my good as a believer (Rom. 8:28-29). Though I have not questioned the sovereignty of God in the major life-changing incidents in my life (the death of a spouse, the illness and near-death of a child,

etc.), somehow there was a disconnect about the seemingly little events in my life--like the person who pulls out in front of me on the road or the coffee I spilled all over the carpet. Those incidents provoked in me a response of anger and frustration, instead of realizing (as Jerry Bridges points out) that all those events are also for my good, to help me to learn a better response. This book has helped me to evaluate everything in my life as under the careful, watchful eye of my Father, who is using the good, the bad, the frustrating, to make me more like His Son. I can't wait to finish the book, and I have already bought 7 more copies to share with family and friends who are in difficult times.

I originally read the book several years ago and found it encouraging and most useful. As with any good book. I kept it on my shelf for the future. I just finished reading and studying it a 2nd time, and I discovered important lessons I missed the first time. I have come to trust God more deeply than before and experienced joy like never before. This book is for everyone, especially those in the darkest places to have God shine His light more clearly.

Point: God's Sovereignty, Wisdom, and Love enable the believer to trust Him in all circumstances. Path: Following the principles in Scripture, Bridges divides this work into fourteen chapters addressing our trust and God's trustfulness in three areas: Sovereignty, Wisdom, and Love. God is sovereign over our lives, government, and weather. God is all wise, which promises that his sovereign will is good. God's love is complete, which encourages us that his plan is for our good. Sources: J. I. Packer, G. C. Berkouwer, and Alexander Carson are referenced frequently. Bridges' own personal life is used as a testimony. The foundation is God's Word. Agreement: I appreciated Bridges' ability to weave the biblical teaching into a systematic, yet readable, primer on the sovereignty of God. His humbleness in explaining that his struggles were not as drastic as others, his cautions at the end of chapters, his love for the hurting saints all encouraged me. I thank God for his willingness to accept and acknowledge the fact that he does not have all the answers, but God's Word is still truth. Personal App: How often do I question "Why?" instead of trusting? Most of the time I will never know that answer. But I can answer "Can I trust God?" after reading His Word. Favorite Quote: "Prayer assumes the sovereignty of God" (pg 115). It would be worth another read and I would recommend it to every believer that I know. The fact that I am able to take this book and recommend every chapter is priceless.

I had purchased this book sometime ago and had honestly forgotten about it amongst the many

other books that I buy "to read later". Well I finished a book and decided instead of buying another I would pull one that I had not read yet. Well This book was a much needed book for me, but I didn't know that at the time. I was raised "On God" in a good Baptist home. When I was 15 I found a non denominational "charismatic" church and fell in love with God. But as most readers of this book would tell you "Life Hurts" and through a string of tragedies in my early thirties I had enough of God! I was angry and God was MIA! I believed Him to be "untrustworthy". For over a decade we had no communications and then I read "Trusting God". What I found out is I ran FROM God instead of TO Him. Long story short, it was God's idea for me and this book, and once again, HE KNEW what He was doing with me, for me, and through me. Well I am back in a church home for over a year, love God and the trust is come back, yet He is showing me so many other way to trust Him. A great Great life saving, life changing book. But before you think Bridges presents us a bunch of fluff be WARNED! Bridges backs his opinions with Bible, and it WILL sting. At one point if I was reading this in a actual book it would have hit the wall, but I was reading on my Kindle and restraint saved the book! So glad I found the restraint.

I bought my wife a paper back copy since she doesn't like the kindle version of reading a book, that is how good it is. I learned of this book when Jerry Bridges death was presented on various forums. I had met Jerry a few years ago, and clearly this book showed much of the character of this man at the same time that it was addressing the topic of the sovereignty of God. It is a deep, but easy read.

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